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Kadie Ward visits the VIA Rail platform on Thursday in London. Ward is leaving Halifax on Tuesday on a cross-country tour aimed at highlighting infrastructure needs along transit lines. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Riding the rails for strong cities

Cross-country trip. Londoner wants to highlight need for investment in more than roads

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Canada's national railway has been widely viewed and written about as the link that connected and, ultimately, created our country.

Now, 128 years after the last spike was driven into the Canadian Pacific Railway in B.C., London's Kadie Ward is out to show government leaders that there's more work to be done.

Ward and a multimedia crew will board a VIA Rail train on Tuesday in Halifax and ride all the way to Vancouver. Along the way, she'll blog about how cities on the route are successfully using transit and digital infrastructure to connect people.

Ward also plans to highlight shortcomings. The end goal, she said, is to convince municipal, provincial and federal politicians that Ottawa's recent $14-billion commitment to infrastructure upgrades needs to be pumped into more than roads and sewers. Investing the money in regional transit packs a much bigger bang for the government's buck, said Ward, who has spent years working in economic development.

"This is an opportunity for people like myself … to start (talking) about what we can do with that money and how we can invest in smarter and sustainable development," she said.

Traditionally, infrastructure programs are managed at the municipal level, where they're used to improve existing utilities and create jobs tied to construction.

While Ward understands the challenges cities face, she says it's incumbent on leaders to be more forward-thinking.

"Cities have such a limited budget, but have so much demand to fix roads and crumbling sewers, they can't invest in the new because they have to fix the old," she said.

About the tour

- Kadie Ward's cross-country trip, under the banner Build Strong Cities, will end on May 29 in Vancouver, where she will attend the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' annual conference.
- Follow Ward's journey at buildstrongcities.com.

What does your freedom look like?

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Education = conservation

Grade 5 student Tyler Middleton, centre, adds "pollution" to a model representing a water table Thursday during the London-Middlesex Children's Water Festival at Fanshawe Conservation Area. The festival moves around different cities each year, teaching students about the role water plays in their daily lives. Organizers believe educating youth about water and the environment is a good way to ensure conservation for the future.

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London in national security spotlight

Project Scupper. Investigators probing local figures believed to have promoted extreme Islamic views

Canadian national security investigators are probing intelligence about people in London who allegedly promoted extreme views of Islam and encouraged young Muslim men and converts to fight abroad.

Called Project Scupper, the operation underway since 2011 is focused on tracking individuals who have since left London. Project Scupper dovetails with, but is separate from, another investigation tagged Project Spearmint. That probe is focused more narrowly on how and why Canadians took part in a well-coordinated assault led by a dangerous Al Qaeda offshoot on an Algerian gas plant.

The RCMP publicly identified London's Ali Medlej and Xris Katsiroubas among 29 dead militants who laid siege to a gas plant in southern Algeria near the Libyan border.

Their friend, a third London man named Aaron Yoon, is jailed in Mauritania on terrorism conspiracy charges. And their fourth friend from London, Mujahid "Ryan" Enderi, along with his Libyan-born father, Abdul, are being sought by Canadian authorities.

Officials believe one or both may have valuable information that could shed light on the Algerian attack and the fertile ground for related views that London may have provided.

Mujahid Enderi attended the Muslim Youth Association of London with Katsiroubas and Medlej.

Ahmed El-Turk, who runs a Muslim centre and library for youths, said he could not remember whether Yoon attended.

"We tried to help them come to Islam, but not in the way they ended up," El-Turk said last month. "We try to teach our kids here to live as good citizens, and they rely on us to help them with our beliefs." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Muslim Youth Association

- Ahmed El-Turk, who runs the Muslim Youth Association of London, said last month that Mujahid Enderi had been out of the country for two to three years, in Libya. It's not completely clear when his father left for Africa, but he too prayed at the association.
- The association is open for prayer Friday nights for adults, and throughout the week is used primarily to teach kids the ways of the faith.

Model UN

Young minds taking on hefty issues

The fate of international tariffs on developing countries rested Thursday in the hands of a 16-year-old. Well, not quite. But, Central Elgin Collegiate Institute student Haley Walsh was most definitely wrestling with the issue.

Walsh was one of 120 secondary school students who treaded into political waters during the Model United Nations convention at King's University College.

The convention was organized by Western's debate and Model UN organizations with the goal of getting young people engaged in world issues.

Walsh embraces that idea. "I think it's important for our generation to be educated," she said. "We're the leaders of tomorrow so it's important for us to get our minds thinking about things now."

The event is all about honing skills not necessarily picked up in the classroom, said Usman Zahid, outgoing president of Western's Model UN Society.

"Making an argument, defending your view, compromising with other people, making hard decisions – these are things that are not taught in schools," he said. "This is a good opportunity for students to pick up those skills."

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Correction

Can You Feel It? campaign date

The Can You Feel It? campaign in northeast London continues through May 31. The ending date was incorrect in a story on page 2 of Thursday's edition. METRO

Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Let's talk about sexting, baby: Forum

The Sexual Assault Centre of London is taking a new-age approach to an old problem.

As the centre and its partners mark Sexual Assault Awareness Month, they're honing in on the dangers of sexting.

With 22 per cent of girls 13-to-19-years-old reporting they've texted a nude or semi-nude photo of themselves, and nearly half saying it was at the request of a boy, it's time to get the message out, says Louise Pitre, the centre's executive director. The message isn't "telling them to stop," Pitre says.

Rather, it's a "harm-reduction approach."

"We are here to help individuals make safe choices and to engage in safe practices," she said. "It is about teaching parents and teaching teachers to have that conversation."

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If you go

- The Sexual Assault Centre of London has teamed up with police and other partners for a public forum on safe sexting.
- It runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Sexual Assault Centre (255 Horton St.).

Welcome, summer. London spray pads to open Saturday

The city will open the floodgates Saturday on spray pads. Crews are also set to install cooling misters at the North London sports field and on the pathway near Springbank Gardens Community Centre.

Spray pads at the following locations will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.:

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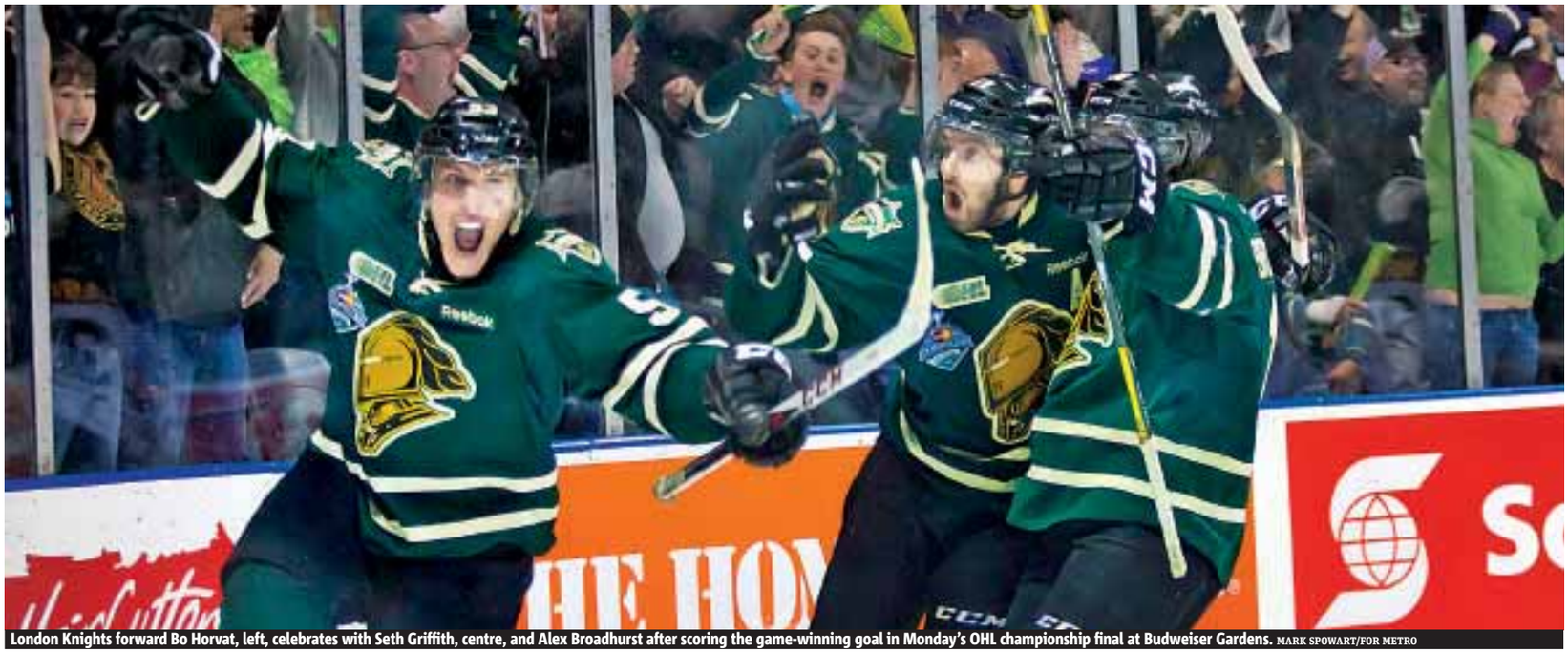

London Knights forward Bo Horvat, left, celebrates with Seth Griffith, centre, and Alex Broadhurst after scoring the game-winning goal in Monday's OHL championship final at Budweiser Gardens. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Bo Horvat-led Knights meet Blades in Memorial Cup start

Quest. Game 7 hero has lived up to lofty expectations and more

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It was mid-August 2011.

Bo Horvat sat timidly, watching his introductory press conference unfold with wide eyes. Cameras flashed as the London Knights brass gloated about the OHL first-rounder's potential.

As the room settled into a hush, Knights general manager Mark Hunter looked over at the rookie forward and said: "Lead us to another Memorial Cup, Bo, all right?"

Talk about pressure.

A few months shy of two full years later, Horvat, the Rodney native who scored the goal of his life on Monday, is at the epicentre of a dynamic London squad battling for the 2013 Memorial Cup trophy.

"That's pretty funny. I never even thought of that (since it happened). It's kind of ironic," Horvat, 18, said on Thursday.

"The boys have worked hard this year. We deserve to be here."

Horvat, a potential top 15 pick in the coming NHL draft, wadded his stock earlier this week. He popped in the OHL title-clinching marker with one-tenth of a second left on the clock in Game 7 — a moment he'll never forget.

Horvat was king in the dressing room afterwards, as players from the 2005 Memorial Cup team — the only Knights assemblage to win the national championship — made a beeline to shake his hand.

It was a fitting finale to Horvat's dominant 16-goal OHL post-season, for which he was named MVP.

Beginning Friday, the Knights will need more of that Horvat magic, as they kick off the tournament against the host club, the Saskatoon Blades. In the Blades, the Knights face a veteran Western Hockey League team that has been sidelined for 50 days and, unsurprisingly, has a chip on its shoulder.

"We have to match their intensity, play our game, and we'll be fine," Horvat said.

"It's a bit of both," overage forward Tyler Ferry added, when asked who has the edge going into Friday. "We're going to be sharp, but they're well-rested."

KNIGHTS WATCH

BATTLE FOR THE CUP

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The Knights' Memorial Cup lineup:

- **Friday.** 8 p.m. vs. Saskatoon.
- **Monday.** 8 p.m. vs. Portland
- **Tuesday.** 8 p.m. vs. Halifax
- **Thursday.** 8 p.m. (tie-breaker as needed)
- **May 23.** 8 p.m. (semifinal)
- **May 25.** 7 p.m. (final)

All games will be broadcast live on Sportsnet (TV), at MastercardMemorialCup.ca and 1290 CJBK.

Drawing from experience — London went the distance last year, losing in overtime in the tournament final — will be crucial.

"It seems like everyone is a heck of a lot calmer this year, just because we've been through it. There's no surprises," Ferry said.

Read below for more on the teams the Knights are taking on.

The team to beat. Portland Winterhawks

The skinny: Widely believed to be tournament favourites, the Winterhawks boast a strong defence corps and firepower up front. If they're on their game, Portland will be difficult to take down. The franchise already has two Memorial Cups.

Key players: RW Ty Rattie (110), D Derrick Pouliot (45), C Nicolas Petan (120), D Seth Jones (56).

Point totals/save percentages from 2012-13 regular season

Up-and-down season. Saskatoon Blades

The skinny: Swept in the first round of the Western Hockey League playoffs, Saskatoon is the only well-rested club of the bunch. It's been a wild season for the up-and-down Blades, so its 50-day layoff may be beneficial. They are a veteran club with lots to prove.

Key players: RW Shayne McColgan (66 points), G Andrey Makarov (.919 save percentage), D Duncan Siemens (32), D Dalton Thrower (27).

The pressure is on. Halifax Mooseheads

The skinny: With a Quebec Major Junior Hockey League team claiming the past two Memorial Cups, there's pressure on the high-flying Halifax Mooseheads to complete the hat-trick. As a relatively young squad, the Mooseheads will need to dig deep against stiff competition.

Key players: RW Nathan MacKinnon (75), LW Jonathan Drouin (105), RW Martin Frk (84), G Zachary Fucale (.909).

JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Duffy resigns from Conservative caucus

Unanswered questions. Senator stepping aside amidst spending scandal

Senator Mike Duffy resigned from the Conservative caucus to sit as an independent Thursday night amid a controversy over his housing claims, leaving a host of questions about the nature of his expenses and why the prime minister backed him for so long.

The employment status of Stephen Harper's chief of staff, Nigel Wright, remains unchanged - despite his secret gift to Duffy to help repay the improper expenses.

Only a week ago, the Conservative government was hailing Duffy's leadership for repaying the funds the Senate said he owed. Senate Leader Majory LeBreton declared the matter closed.

But then it came to light that Wright had cut Duffy a personal cheque to cover the repayment in March. Harper's office characterized it as a personal gift, but this week Duffy called it a loan.

The Canadian Press reported Thursday that Duffy campaigned for the Conservatives during the April 2011 election while claiming to be on Senate business.

"Mr. Duffy's claim that he had secured a bank loan came as a complete surprise. All of the revelations relating to the expenses during the campaign are new," a government official said on condition of anonymity.

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Conservative Sen. Mike Duffy SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Greenhouse gas. PM says technology is key to reducing emissions

Technological change will prove to be the key to cutting greenhouse-gas emissions, Prime Minister Stephen Harper told a blue-chip audience on Thursday.

Simply imposing emissions targets or trying to cap economic growth to reduce emissions isn't going to work, Harper said during a question-and-answer session at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City.

"I am convinced that, over time, we are not going to effectively tackle emissions unless we develop the lower-emissions technology in energy and other sectors," he said.

"That is the thing that will allow us to square economic growth with emissions reduction and environmental protection. I'm convinced if we cannot square those, we are not going to make progress globally."

Any realistic international agreement to limit emissions has to cover everyone, not just the developed world, he added.

"We need a mandatory, international protocol that includes all significant emitters, and if we do not get that we will not be able to control global emissions."

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Protesters demonstrate on Thursday outside an event where Prime Minister Stephen Harper spoke at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City.
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Double-amputee completes Alberta trek

Spencer West scaled Mount Kilimanjaro on his hands last summer, but said completing the trek between Edmonton and Calgary was a greater challenge.

On Thursday, the legless man completed Free the Children's We Walk 4Water, which raises funds for clean water in Africa. "I'm tired, my arms are killing me, I'm ready for a few days of sleep, but that last little bit to have those kids cheering for us brought up our energy again," he said.

West used his hands and wheelchair to travel 300 kilometres in 11 days.

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Spencer West crosses the finish line in Calgary on Thursday.

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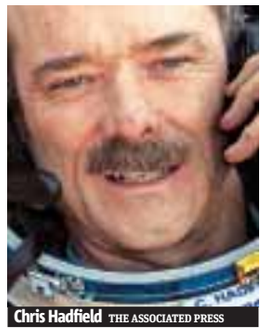
Hadfield slowly readjusting to life back on Earth

Weighty issues.
Astronaut once again feeling effects of gravity, says 'it feels like I played a hard game of rugby'

Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield says his body feels confused and banged up by the effects of gravity after a five-month stay in space.

After floating around weightless for months, suddenly he needs to keep his own head aloft. He feels dizzy. And because there are no callouses on his feet anymore, he says he feels like he's walking on hot coals.

"My neck is sore and my back is sore," Hadfield told a news conference from Houston on Thursday. "It feels like I played a hard game of rugby yesterday or played full-contact hockey yesterday and I haven't played in a while."



Chris Hadfield THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hadfield returned to Earth on Monday night after his stay aboard the International Space Station — a trip that included a period as commander of the orbiting station.

The 53-year-old said his body is confused at the moment.

"My body was quite happy living in space without gravity," he said. "(It's) a very empowering environment where you can touch the wall and do somersaults, where you can move a refrigerator around with your fingertips and never worry about which way was up.

"Well, that all changed when our Soyuz slammed back into the Earth. And my body is catching up with the change. And so the symptoms are dizziness. It's like when you come off a ride at the CNE or something."

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Blast from the past: Beaver Canoe paddles back to life

Canadiana comeback. Target to carry collection from homegrown '80s brand that will include apparel, home decor

Target is bringing an added dose of Canadiana to its stores north of the border through a new partnership with Beaver Canoe.

The U.S.-based retailer has announced an exclusive collaboration with the Beaver Canoe brand, which is part of Roots Canada.

In what is billed as a first for the brand, the Beaver Canoe for Target collection will feature home decor products. The home collection will include more than 65 pieces, like furniture, pillows, lighting, frames, vases and candles.

The Beaver Canoe collaboration with Target will also encompass a clothing collection for the retailer, which will include hoodies, sweatshirts, T-shirts, track pants and long-sleeve tops for everyone from toddlers to adults, in addition to outerwear and accessory offerings for men and women. Prices for items in both the home and apparel collections will range from about $8 to $100.

The Beaver Canoe apparel line is slated to arrive in Canadian Target stores on Sept. 8, with the home collection set to hit stores on Sept. 15. The partnership marks the second exclusive collaboration between Roots and Target. The retailer carries the Roots Outfitters collection, including fashions for women, men, boys, girls and toddlers.

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Beaver Canoe was founded in 1982 as a partnership between Roots and Camp Tamakawa, located in Algonquin Park, to build canoes designed by famed outdoorsman Omer Stringer. BEAVER CANOE/FACEBOOK

Air travel. Ditch the baggage and board early on American

If you're travelling light, you can board earlier on American Airlines. The airline said Thursday that people carrying just a personal item that fits under the seat — no rolling suitcases — will be allowed to board before most other passengers.

American said that the change will speed up the boarding process and allow flights to take off sooner, helping the airline improve its on-time performance. Airlines have been seeing a build-up in boarding times since they began charging fees for checked baggage as more people fight for limited space in overhead bins.

American tested the new boarding procedure at several airports earlier this year and began applying it to all flights Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An American Airlines ticket agent checks in passengers at Atlanta's airport. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Wireless deal

Telus plan to buy Mobilicity could up prices, warns advocacy group

Telus announced a plan Thursday to buy struggling wireless carrier Mobilicity for $380 million, a deal observers say will prompt higher prices for monthly cellphone service if it is allowed.

"Maybe you want to talk to your provider and renegotiate your deal now," said John Lawford, executive director of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre.

The company, which does not require long-term contracts, brought unlimited talk-and-text plans to the marketplace, said Lawford. "In a lot of places where Mobilicity offers service you're going back to just three operators. You can guess who they are — Bell, Telus and Rogers. Prices will just go up."

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Step away from the sirloin. Rising food prices lead to more comparison shopping

A recent survey of Canadian adult consumers found a large majority of them believe the price of the food they buy has gone up in the past year and more than half said they are doing more comparison shopping than before.

The Ipsos Reid study done for the Royal Bank suggests the average monthly food bill, not including eating out, for the 3,024 people it surveyed last month was $411 per household.

Eighty-four per cent of respondents said their food prices have increased over the past year. The survey, conducted April 2 to 15, also found 57 per cent of respondents said they comparison shop more than before and 41 per cent said they were more budget conscious or less likely to make impulsive purchases.

"In light of concerns over escalating food prices, more Canadians are looking for cost-saving strategies they can use on their next trip to the grocery store," said Jason Round, head of the bank's financial planning unit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.K. politicians accuse Google of being an artful tax dodger

U.K. lawmakers subjected search giant Google to blistering criticism Thursday, accusing the company of playing games with Britain's tax rules to avoid paying what it owed.

In his second appearance before Parliament in roughly six months, Google vice-president Matt Brittin tried to defend his company's complex corporate structure to a committee of skeptical U.K. politicians, many of whom seemed unconvinced by his assertion that Google was being transparent about how it paid its bills.

Committee chairwoman Margaret Hodge accused Brittin of "devious, calculated and, in my view, unethical behaviour in deliberately manipulating the reality of your business in order to avoid paying your fair share of tax to the common good."

Google is one of several major multinationals, including Amazon, Facebook and Starbucks, whose convoluted corporate structures and disproportionately low tax bills have drawn increased attention in Britain and elsewhere.

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Google executive Matt Brittin defends the company's complicated structure before a U.K. parliamentary committee on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute

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IT'S TIME TO LEAVE THE CAPSULE

THE METRO LIST

Mike Benhaim
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1 Diplomacy. Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto defended forced prostitution of "comfort women" in the Second World War, saying that they were necessary in providing much needed "rest" to soldiers. Hashimoto, previously the youngest governor in Japanese history, stated last year that Japan needed "a dictatorship." He has what I call "political Tourette's."

2 Migratory patterns. The U.S. Senate is considering a bill allowing Canadian "snowbirds" to stay down south for longer. Currently, Canadian citizens can spend up to six months in America without losing their health coverage. The new bill would grant an extension of 60 additional days. If it passes, the "early bird" team at the Cheesecake Factory will also throw in a plastic couch cover with a cable subscription for 24-hour reruns of Golden Girls and Matlock.

3 Revolving doors. Jay Leno is replaced by Jimmy Fallon, whose spot will be filled by Seth Meyers. Jon Stewart takes a break, leaving John Oliver to host The Daily Show, and Barbara Walters announces impending retirement while Craig Ferguson hopes Letterman will do the same. Jimmy Kimmel has lost weight, so no one recognizes him, and when I ask my grandmother what she watches, she says, "Johnny Carson."

4 Oops. P.E.I. Sen. Mike Duffy misclaimed expenses for his Ottawa home, but once audited, was able to pay back $90,000 with a cheque from the PM's chief of staff. He also repaid $1,050 for expenses declared while in Florida for non-Senate business. In unrelated news, a man arrested for grand theft auto told authorities, "Was that not my mother's car? My bad. Take it back."

5 Space Oddity. They're calling astronaut Chris Hadfield a rock star: First Canadian to command the International Space Station, almost a million Twitter followers and YouTube hits, and a Bowie cover music video. After being up for so long, he finally came back to Earth, acclimating himself at a rehabilitation centre. He's not just a rock star, he's Steven Tyler.

6 Just chew it. Life moves quickly and there's not always time to grab a Red Bull, espresso, or mochalattechino. So put a pack of Jolt Energy Gum in your pocket, and never again worry about feeling sluggish, or sleepy, or having your heart-rate dip below 190 bpm. Jolt is poised for stimulant success with slogans like, "Don't drive drowsy," "Kick ass in class," or my personal fave, "A party in your pocket!" Umm ... Yes please.

7 Anti-social media. Disney actress Ashley Tisdale has been shaken by an obsessed fan who sent her more than 18,000 tweets before showing up at her home. LAPD is investigating, but did not consider him dangerous until reading an insane message where he said that High School Musical was the greatest movie ever made.

8 This week in... 1976, The Rolling Stones hit No. 1 on U.S. album charts with Black And Blue, their first with Ron Wood replacing Mick Taylor on guitar. Now celebrating 50 years of sex, drugs, and rumours that Keith Richards is a vampire, the boys are coming to Montreal and Toronto. Excellent opportunity to party with granddad.

9 R.I.P. The world lost a maverick this week in celebrity psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers who brought sexual conversation to mainstream media. Without her, we would still be repressed and probably never know a Kim Kardashian.

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Plastic apparently not fantastic

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Barbie house opens with controversy

The Barbie Dreamhouse Experience, near Berlin's trendy Alexanderplatz shopping district, is a life-sized house full of Barbie fashion, furniture and accessories. It's open to the public until Aug. 25 before it moves on to other cities in Europe.

The attraction is not without criticism. A topless woman from female rights group Femen targeted the opening of the Dreamhouse Thursday, holding a burning doll on a crucifix and dozens of other protesters flooded the premises with signs, shouting.

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Re-evaluating the dream

"For us, this so-called Dreamhouse symbolizes the beauty craze and the discrimination of women in modern day life. It presents a cliché of the female role in society."

Michael Koschitzki,
Socialist Alternative editor told NBC News

The protest was supported by other left-wing demonstrators shouting "pink stinks" who were swiftly ejected from the Dreamhouse site by security staff.

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ANDREW FIFIELD
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One of the best parts about the iOS App Store is the endless supply of high-concept ideas put into action, frequently for free. Here's a few cool gimmicks you can carry around in your pocket.

Echograph

Cinemagraphy is just one of countless photo gimmick subcultures lurking in your phone, and this app makes for an easy way to jump in. Simply shoot a video, isolate the motion you want to keep and set it against a still image from the video you just shot. Just make sure you keep a steady hand. (Free)

Zeds - Play Your Dreams (iOS)

PYD merits a download based on the concept alone. Place your phone somewhere that allows it to monitor your sleep patterns, which it uses to construct unlimited levels of platform gaming. Level-sharing with friends, battling "dream monsters" and customizable characters sweeten the pot. (Free)

Sid Meier's Ace Patrol (iOS)

If your eyes lit up at Sid Meier's name, then you know you already want this. Ace Patrol takes the white knuckle activity of aerial dogfighting and slows it down to a cautious, turn-based strategy effort. (Free/In-App Purchases)

Letters

RE: Mayor Defends Use Of Wartime Prostitution, published May 15

May I suggest a proper headline for your article on a Japanese mayor justifying sexual slavery during the Second World War?

"Mayor defends use of wartime rape."

In your article you quote the mayor as saying kidnapping, forcible confinement, rape, torture, and beatings were not sex trade, but in Japan were necessary to "maintain discipline."

Let us be clear: torture and sexual abuse are never necessary, and can never be justified as a means of maintaining discipline. What happened was rape.

The use of so called "comfort women" was neither discipline nor sex trade. It was abuse and torture. Tens of thousands of young women were kidnapped as sex slaves by the Japanese army during the Second World War. Many women were teenagers. Many died. Japan has never formally apologized nor compensated for this war crime. It was a war crime. It was torture. It was rape.

The women who were abused deserve nothing less than a full apology. So does the world.

Catherine Henry, on behalf of Olivia Chow, MP
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IS IT TIME FOR A LEGAL CHECKUP?

When was the last time you checked in with a lawyer? Consider adding a visit to your annual round of checkups.

Just as booking an appointment with a doctor or financial adviser offers an opportunity to identify issues and gauge your health (physical and financial), checking in with a lawyer can ensure your legal health is also in good shape.

Perhaps you have experienced a change in your relationship status or you are considering the purchase or sale of a home, rental or vacation property. Perhaps you are considering the future of your little ones or other loved ones, and how you can make sure they are protected and provided for. In all cases, consulting with a lawyer in advance can provide valuable insights to save you time and money and to highlight any red flags.

Here is a partial list of questions to consider for your annual legal checkup:

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- Are you separated/divorced recently?
- Do you have children?
- Do you have a pet (such as a pit bull terrier or a monkey) to which special restrictions apply?
- Are you considering acting as a sponsor for foreign nationals seeking to immigrate to Canada?
- Do you own a home or other property? Is the ownership alone or with someone?
- Is your home/property left vacant for any period of time or do you have any property outside of Canada?
- Are you thinking of building or renovating soon?
- Do you have title insurance for your property?
- Do you have a will? Has anything changed since you signed it?

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A lot can happen over the course of a year to impact your legal health. A proactive approach and an annual visit with a lawyer means you can address potential issues before there is a crisis. You can locate a lawyer near you with the locate-a-lawyer feature on titleplus.ca.

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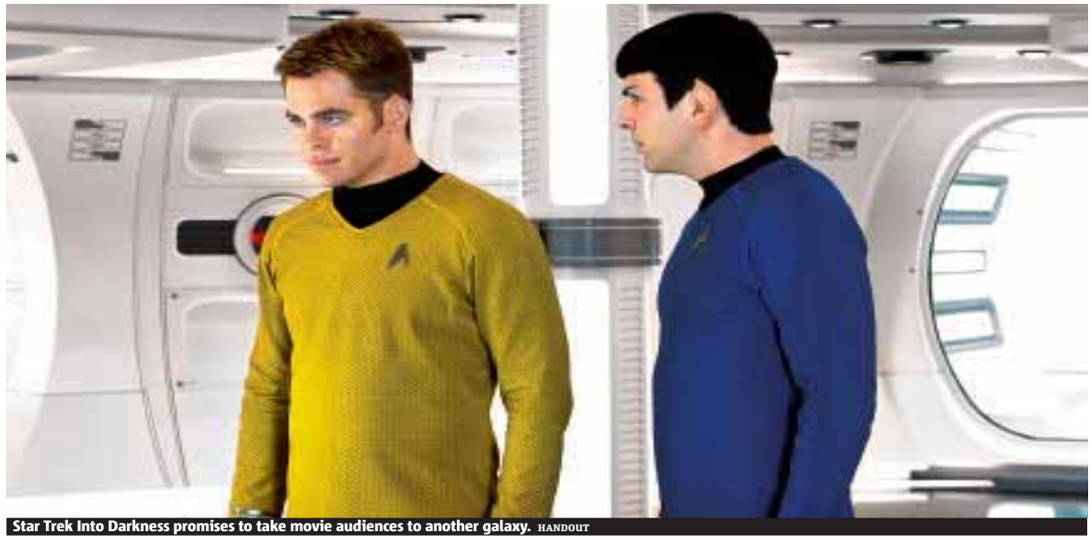
Synopsis

With Star Trek Into Darkness set to take movie audiences where no audience has gone before over this long weekend, the Reel Guys thought they would have a look at other movies that explore the final frontier.



Star Trek Into Darkness promises to take movie audiences to another galaxy. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Stars of outer space

Film's final frontier. With Star Trek the must-see movie this weekend, the Reel Guys look back at their favourite flicks from another world

Richard: Mark, Into Darkness is the best pure popcorn flick of the year so far. It is state of the art in every way, particularly when it comes to the effects. As great as it looks, I'm a sucker for '50s B-movie effects like the 40-foot tall martian in the low budget 1959 space opera The Angry Red Planet. The campy creature was actually a 15-inch tall puppet made from elements of a rat, bat, spider, and crab and was later featured on the cover of the Misfits' album, Walk Among Us. What are some of your favourites?

Mark: Interesting you mentioned Angry Red Planet. I saw it when I was 10 at a downtown matinee and still shudder at the scene where the astronaut was turned into lime Jell-O. But when I was 16, Barbarella became my favourite movie set in outer space — that is, Jane Fonda's cleavage. But if it's cheese you're looking for, I want to nominate Mars Needs Women, a made for TV movie from 1967. Basically a beach party flick set in outer space featuring amazons, strippers and secretaries, it's best appreciated late at night with the kind of wine that comes in a box.

RC: Box wine has enhanced many a bad movie for me. No wine needed for Moon, a unique and fascinating sci fi film directed by David Bowie's son, Duncan Jones. Set on a space station, it's the story of a worker, played by Sam Rockwell, who discovers he may not be alone on his mission. To say anymore would ruin a really well constructed movie that cares more about ideas than special effects.

MB: Moon is a classy puzzle movie that owes a lot to Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey, the classiest space movie ever, maybe even too classy for its own good. Is it heretical to say that it bored me a bit? Alien sure didn't bore me. And its sequels, even the weak ones, kept me excited. But let's remember that not all space movies are necessarily monster movies. I'm thinking of The Right Stuff and Apollo 13, two films that rightly celebrate the courage and tenacity of the early astronauts. Both very exciting movies, I think.

RC: I agree, and let's not forget In the Shadow of the Moon, a beautifully shot documentary that features real life astronauts like Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong.

MB: On a lighter note, let's not forget Galaxy Quest, the funniest movie to take place in outer space.

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This Hangover is all about Alan

Zach Galifianakis. The weirdest part of the trio becomes the focal point of this final instalment

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Metro World News in Hollywood

What's one more trip to Las Vegas between friends? The Hangover Part III finds Phil (Bradley Cooper), Stu (Ed Helms) and loose cannon Alan (Zach Galifianakis) teaming up for one last road trip gone wrong. Only this time, Galifianakis' Alan goes from comic relief to main character, which is a particularly risky proposition — at least according to Galifianakis.

Alan really takes centre stage in this instalment.
Yeah, as disheartening as that is (laughs). No, I mean we'll see if the audience thinks that an Alan storyline is sustainable for a movie — I mean a lot of Alan. There's a lot of Alan in this. I was excited because we got to explore Alan a little bit rather than have him be just a one-dimensional character that's kind of weird and saying random things. In this third instalment I think there's a little bit more of an emotional arc with him, which I appreciate. It's more of a story than just jokes with Alan this time. I don't know at the end of this where Alan goes. I think it's kind of open-ended, but at least he seems like he's on the right path.

I was going to ask where you see him five years from now.
Running the Tea Party. No, that's just a good-natured joke. I don't know where Alan would be. Hopefully he's married, and he probably drives by Phil's house a lot and honks to see if Phil will come out, and then Phil maybe looks through his blinds to see who it is, if it's Alan outside. Every other Thursday Phil will come out and say hi to him.

They've been billing this as the final instalment. Why is the trilogy the standard for film series?
Well, part of it is overstaying your welcome, I think. After the first one I was fine with just leaving well enough alone, to be honest. But then it was so fun to do the movies, and I thought there was more to explore, ultimately. But after the third one ... it's part of, as I said, not overstaying your welcome, and just the timing of it seems right to not do anything else with this. I've never really thought about the trilogy thing. The good thing about the third one is it allows kind of a nice goodbye. With the second one there's no closure, really. There was an event, they'll go on with their lives. This one seems like there's a little bit of closure.

The Hangover films have been phenomenally successful. If this one follows suit, do you think you'll have to try to talk them out of making a fourth one?
Well, I think it's bad to do movies because of economic gain. As an entertainer or an actor, you want to try to do other things and challenge yourself to try other roles, and it's time to move on. I think everybody feels that, the director and the other actors — and not out of anything but love. There won't be a fourth.

Speaking of doing new things, you're currently filming Birdman, a comedy from Alejandro Gonzalez Iñarritu, who's better known for heavier films.
It's a comedy, and Alejandro hasn't made one. He's a great filmmaker, obviously. The little I can tell you about (it)is you kind of know you're in the hands of a really experienced technician and great filmmaker. It's been a really great work experience for me. I'm there with really serious actors who've done really accomplished work. I think I'm the only one in the cast who's never won a trophy — and it will probably stay that way for my whole career, but it's nice to be mixed up with these serious actors doing a comedy.

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"As an actor or an entertainer you want to try to do other things"
Zach Galifianakis on no more Hangovers

The Hangover Part III opens next Friday. HANDOUT

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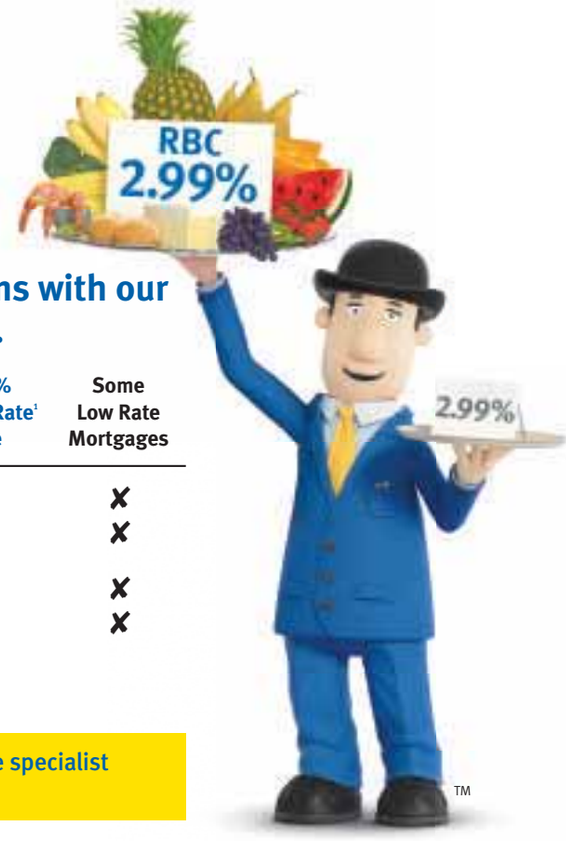

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Thriller

The Company You Keep

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Robert Redford does triple duty as actor, producer and director on the story of Jim Grant, an ex-member of a radical activist group, in hiding since a robbery resulted in the death of a security guard 30 years ago. When one of his former associates (Susan Sarandon) turns herself in, Grant goes on the lam, pursued by the FBI and a dogged reporter (Shia LaBeouf). An all-star cast (Nick Nolte, Terrence Howard and Julie Christie) fuels this thriller. Trouble is, there aren't many thrills.

RICHARD CROUSE

Jada Pinkett Smith. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pinkett Smith talks the power of women

Angela Davis doc.

Actress says spending time with activist changed her and prompted growth

Jada Pinkett Smith may have started as an actress, but these days her list of jobs includes author, singer-songwriter, philanthropist, successful businesswoman — and, of course, wife and mother.

With husband Will Smith, she started Overbrook Entertainment, which has produced many of Smith's films, as well as the upcoming remake of Annie. But Pinkett Smith's more recent focus has been the documentary Free Angela Davis and Other Political Prisoners, which marks the 40th anniversary of the acquittal of the 1970s political activist who was once on the FBI's Most Wanted list.

Davis was removed from her teaching job at UCLA in 1969 because she was a member of the Communist Party. A year later, she was charged with murder and kidnapping in a shootout in front of the Marin County, Calif., courthouse, then acquitted by an all-white jury.

Pinkett Smith says she learned a lot from spending time with Davis, who was by her side for this interview.

What did you know about Angela Davis growing up?

I knew that she was a pivotal part of the movement and I knew that she was powerful and I knew that she was intelligent, but what I didn't receive was the beauty of her feminine side, you know, and her softness, and the strength in her vulnerable nature ... I've learned a lot just simply being in her presence in that way.

You seem quite comfortable sharing your views on social media — you recently asked whether white women should be allowed on the cover of black women's magazines.

One of the reasons that I did that is right now one of my very strong focuses at this point is trying to figure out how to engage women to flow power to one another. The idea is that there's a white woman's issue. Or there's a black woman's issue. There's a Latina woman's issue. The idea for women to understand is that if we could come together and flow each other power for issues that affect us all, that we would get a lot done.

These are subjects that we can't be afraid to talk about because they hurt. That's the step toward getting to solutions, and the step toward community.

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The Great Gatsby has plenty to look at, and a Jay-Z soundtrack to boot. HANDOUT

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The Word

Supportive Voight was unaware of his daughter Jolie's mastectomy

Talk about not being in the loop. John Voight says he found out about daughter Angelina Jolie's voluntary double mastectomy the same way everyone else did — reading her New York Times essay about it — despite having seen her just days before the news broke, according to the NY Daily News. "I saw her two days ago with my son Jamie (Haven). We all got together for his birthday, with her and Brad (Pitt). But I didn't know. It wasn't obvious at all," Voight says. "I found out (Tuesday) morning. I was as surprised as anyone and deeply moved by the way she's handled this. She's a very extraordinary person, the way she examined it and what she shared."

Twitter

@EvaLongoria
On my way to Cannes Film festival! Heard its rainy and cold there too? Ugh.

@kirstiealley
I didn't win power ball..I'm so pissed off!! I could have bought a school and a dope new boyfriend

@JossActual
Can there be no more action movies where the lead is named "Jack"? Lazy. (Jack Ryan gets grandfathered in, I guess.)

Sevigny says 'comfortable shoes' will chase off Paltrow's Met Gala blues

Chloe Sevigny thinks Gwyneth Paltrow may be overreacting by claiming she's through with the Met Gala. (Paltrow has sworn off the swanky New York event after finding this year's "un-fun" and too hot.) "Maybe her sleeves were too tight. If you're in a dress where you can't breathe, then you're not comfortable," Sevigny tells New York magazine. "You have to wear comfortable shoes and an outfit you can be OK in." The most important thing, according to Sevigny, is to not take it all so seriously. "I think it depends on what table you're at, and who you're with, and obviously your attitude," she says. "But it's a lot of hoopla over not a lot. Everybody thinks it's so much pressure, and you do the carpet and it's such a big deal, and it's just a museum fundraiser, you know?"

Quoted

"I think it all depends on what table you're at and who you're with."

Chloe Sevigny, actress.
On what makes a good Met Gala

Chloe Sevigny ALL IMAGES GETTY

Marshall Mathers a.k.a Eminem

Slim Shady hasn't been stabbed, but enjoy your spam!

Eminem wants to make it clear that reports of him being stabbed have been greatly exaggerated. His rep is dismissing a Facebook post purporting to show the singer "left nearly dead after being stabbed four times in NYC," according to E! News. "Not true," the rep says. "He remains un-stabbed." And it turns out this wasn't just another false Internet rumour about a celebrity dying or getting injured. The post also subjected those foolish enough to click on it to an avalanche of spam.

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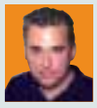

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I've met enough winemakers who think they're rock stars, so I guess it's only fair that a rock star can think himself a winemaker. Dave Matthews, the man behind the newly released The Dreaming Tree wines, is only the latest celeb to grape it up.

The roster of famous names making wine reads like an awards show guest list: Greg Norman, Mike Weir, Dan Aykroyd, Francis Ford Coppola, Sting, Wayne Gretzky, Madonna, and even Brangelina.

While I'd never suggest the others are dialing it in, Matthews has been hands on in choosing his Californian wine partners, and the resulting juice (if you'll forgive the obvious pun) sings in the glass.

The DT 2011 Chardonnay ($16.95 - $19.99) is a well-rounded, buttery chard with woodsy spice that just may have all you "anything but chardonnay" zealots burning your membership cards. Its red sister, The DT 2010 Crush ($16.95 - $19.99), is a mega, merlot-led blend of California North Coast fruit with a rolling flavour of plums, raspberry jam and brown sugar that will duet well with a red meat-themed, long weekend barbecue.

Who's next? My bet is on Kardashian Vineyards.

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A fine burger balance

Cheeseburgers with Mango-Chile Salsa.

Fire up the barbecue this weekend and try a unique combination

This tasty cheeseburger recipe that includes the nutrient-rich, sweet mango mixed into a salsa with fiery chiles to add a south Asian flavour that will delight your taste buds.

1. Combine patty ingredients, keeping the mixture crumbly rather than compressed. With wet hands, gently form four loosely packed patties of equal size, each about 3/4 inch thick. Don't compact the meat too much or the patties will be tough. Using your thumb or the back of a spoon, make a shallow indentation about 1 inch wide in the centre of each patty. This will help the patties cook evenly and prevent them from puffing on the grill.

Ingredients

Patties
- 1 1/2 lbs ground chuck (80% lean)
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper

Salsa
- 1 large mango, cut into 1/2-inch dice (about 1 cup)
- 2 tbsp roughly chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1 medium serrano chile pepper, seeded and minced
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt

Burgers
- 4 thin slices pepper jack cheese
- 4 hamburger buns, split
- Dijon mustard

This recipe serves four. NEWS CANADA

2. In a non-reactive bowl combine the salsa ingredients. Toss gently and then refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 1 hour. (After an hour, the fruit starts to become mushy.)

3. Prepare the grill for direct cooking over medium-high heat (400 to 500 F).

4. Grill the patties over direct medium-high heat, with the lid closed, until cooked to medium doneness, 8 to 10 minutes, turning once when the patties release easily from the grate without sticking. During the last minute of grilling time, place a slice of cheese on each patty to melt, and toast the buns, cut side down, over direct heat.

5. Spread the bottom half of each bun with Dijon mustard, and serve the patties warm on the buns topped with mango salsa.

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Her majesty's fireworks

This weekend marks the 194th anniversary of Queen Victoria's birth and the fireworks will be out in full force. To celebrate the start of the outdoor season, the Fanshawe Conservation Area is putting on the biggest fireworks show in the London area. The show starts at dusk on Monday, but best get there early for a good spot. For more information, visit fanshaweconservationarea.ca. Photo courtesy of Penn Kemp.

Jack is back

Jack Layton is most remembered for his politics, but he was also a great lover of the arts. That side of his life is chronicled in the new book — Jack Layton: Art In Action. The collection of stories, edited by Penn Kemp, covers Layton's involvement in the arts. Aeolian Hall (795 Dundas St.) is hosting a book launch on Thursday, co-hosted by Kemp and Irene Mathyssen, MP for London–Fanshawe. Admission is free. Doors open at 7 p.m. Photo by Julian Uzielli.

Open mic night

If you have a song you're itching to perform for an audience, stop by the London Music Club (470 Colborne St.) Friday for the weekly open mic night. Writing songs at home is one thing, but the best way to try them out — and maybe get them noticed — is in front of a crowd. The informal atmosphere is perfect for honing your performance skills. Cover is $3. Doors open at 8 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be available after 8 p.m. and performers must bring their own instruments. Photo courtesy of Matt Trocchi.

Tuesday night line-up

It's another packed lineup at the APK (347 Clarence St.) this Tuesday with headliner Mikey Erg — formerly of New Jersey punk outfit The Ergs — supported by My Man, Evan James Redsky and Raspberry Heaven. Mikey Erg plays high-energy pop-punk tunes — just the right thing for a Tuesday night at the bar. The show is 19+, and doors open at 8 p.m. Cover is $7. Photo courtesy of Roop Chanderdat.

Majors home opener

Now that the London Knights have ended their season victorious, it's time to move on to warm-weather sports. If you're already in sports withdrawal, there's another local team that needs your support. The London Majors of the Intercounty Baseball League have their home opener Friday at Labatt Memorial Park versus the Hamilton Cardinals. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $8 at londonmajors.com. Photo courtesy of Chris Campbell.

Jillian Michaels

If baseball isn't your thing, health and wellness speaker Jillian Michaels is stopping by Budweiser Gardens tonight as part of her Maximize Your Life tour. Michaels has appeared on 11 seasons of The Biggest Loser and her motto is "imagine, believe, achieve." Her promise is to help you reach your full potential, achieve your goals and improve your standard of living. The show is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at $36.75 at budweisergardens.com.

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MLB

Video review poised for a larger role in 2014

Major League Baseball appears set for a vast expansion of video review by umpires in 2014 and is examining whether all calls other than balls and strikes should be subject to instant replay.

Replay has been in place for home-run calls since August 2008. Commissioner Bud Selig initially wanted to add trap plays and fair/foul calls down the lines for 2013, but change was put off while more radical options were examined.

MLB executive vice-president Joe Torre hopes to have proposals by the Aug. 14-15 session in Cooperstown, N.Y. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Mets ground Cards to end losing streak

Daniel Murphy and David Wright combined for five hits and three RBIs against Adam Wainwright and the New York Mets snapped a six-game losing streak with a 5-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Mets' Jordany Valdespin dives into home plate to score a run on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fall of the Sanchise?

"This is something I dreamed about my whole life and now I'm not planning on letting go."

Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez on being New York's starter this fall.

'Time will heal this, but we can never forget it'

Fallen Leafs. Buds still feel pain from epic third-period collapse against Bruins

Phil Kessel talks to reporters during the Maple Leafs' wrap-up media session on Thursday in Toronto.
VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Three days after the Leafs' historic playoff collapse in Boston, the wound was still raw.

Did it hurt less this morning when you woke up, goalie James Reimer was asked at the Leafs' wrap-up session Thursday.

"Not really," he answered.

"Sometimes you go through the day and you forget about it," he added. "You're doing something, you're talking about something with some guy. But then all of a sudden, you remember it, and you just get that sickening feeling in your stomach. And it just doesn't go away."

Centre Nazem Kadri was also having a tough time forgetting Toronto fumbling away a 4-1 third-period lead and then losing 5-4 in overtime in Game 7 Monday.

Boston's comeback, which included two goals with goalie Tuukka Rask pulled for an extra attacker, marked the first time in NHL history that a team had won a Game 7 after trailing by three goals in the third period.

"I had some nightmares the first couple of nights," Kadri said. "It wasn't fun thinking back to that game."

Added forward James van Riemsdyk: "It's one of those losses that kind of just eats away at your soul."

Flushing away the negatives was one of coach Randy Carlyle's mantras this season. But even he acknowledged this was one memory that was going to stick.

"Time will heal this, but we can never forget it" was Carlyle's message to his players.

"How can you ignore it? You can't," he told reporters. "It's reality."

Thursday's wrap-up media session was the first time Carlyle and the players had talked since the TD Garden debacle, which was witnessed by more than 5.1 million Canadian TV viewers.

A cloud of frustration clearly still lingers within the franchise, which had not made the playoffs since 2004.

Toronto finished fifth in the East with a 26-17-5 record.

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"I knew after Game 5 pretty much that I was done for four weeks at least."

Tyler Bozak, who revealed he missed Games 6 and 7 with a torn oblique.

"I think this is the best stretch of hockey Phil Kessel's ever played."

Leafs GM Dave Nonis on restricted free agent Phil Kessel.

"Thankfully there's no brain damage, no bleeding."

Leafs defenceman Mark Fraser, who suffered a skull fracture after taking a puck to the face in Game 4.

Sweden's Fredrik Pettersson reacts to scoring the shootout winner.
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Quarter-final déjà vu for Canada

Canada was eliminated in the quarter-finals of the IIHF World Championship for a fourth straight year with a 3-2 shootout loss to host Sweden on Thursday.

Fredrik Pettersson scored the winner in the fourth round of the shootout as Sweden moved on to a semifinal meeting with archrival Finland.

Trailing 1-0, Nicklas Danielsson scored a pair of power-play goals in the third period to give the hosts a 2-1 lead. Canada's Claude Giroux tied the game just over a minute after Danielsson's second goal.

Steven Stamkos of the Tampa Bay Lightning scored a second-period power-play goal.

Mike Smith of the Phoenix Coyotes stopped 30 shots in the loss, while Jhonas Enroth of the Buffalo Sabres made 39 saves for the win.

Jacob Markstrom made a pair of saves in overtime while Enroth dealt with an equipment issue.

Canada extended its run of quarter-final losses in this tournament to four straight years. Canada last advanced to the semifinals in 2009 en route to a silver medal.

In other quarter-finals, Switzerland extended its unbeaten run in the tournament to eight wins with a 2-1 win over the Czech Republic. They'll face the United States, an 8-3 winner in Helsinki over a Russian team that had Alex Ovechkin in the lineup, in Saturday's semifinal. Finland edged Slovakia 4-3 in Helsinki's other quarter-final.

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Adam Lind is congratulated by J.P. Arencibia after hitting a two-run home run against the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday in Toronto.
TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

Blue Jays sluggers fuelling scoring blitz

'This team was built to score runs.' More batters loading bases as Toronto speeds to playoff pace

Though it sputtered to start the season, the Blue Jays offence is surging as they head to New York City riding a four-game winning streak.

Since being shut out by the Boston Red Sox a week ago, the Jays have averaged nine runs and more than 12 hits per game. Since pummelling Seattle 10-2 on May 5, the offensive numbers are still strong, averaging almost seven runs per game.

The result has been a 7-3 record over their last 10, which is pretty much how the Jays must perform over the remaining three-quarters of the season if they have any hope of playing in October.

The good news is that when the Jays are scoring like they are right now, they usually win. They're 13-0 when putting five or more on the board, compared to 4-24 when they score four or fewer. Their pitching and defence simply have not been good enough to carry them in low-scoring games.

"This team was built to score runs," manager John Gibbons repeated often during the club's sluggish start to the season. "And I believe we will."

But there were signs of a pending turnaround beyond Gibbons' optimism.

No lack of talent

"... As we've said before, there's a track record in this clubhouse."

J.P. Arencibia, whose 10 home runs are tied for second in the AL.

The club's league-worst .262 batting average on balls in play (BABIP) — a statistic that measures how many balls put into play, minus home runs, land for hits — in late April suggested they were somewhat unlucky in the first month of the season. Their BABIP so far this month is .302, which is about the league average.

And even as they struggled to produce consistently in April, they were still among the league leaders in home runs. Trouble was most of them were solo shots. Now they're still hitting the ball out of the park — their 53 homers are tied with Texas and Cleveland for the major-league lead — but doing so with men on base.

Gibbons said after Wednesday's 11-3 win over the San Francisco Giants that his club may have been a little pull-happy early in the season.

"You know, looking for the long ball." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trending upward

The recent surge has been due to the improved play of the Jays' three most important hitters (at least while Jose Reyes is still out): Melky Cabrera, Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion.

- Since Gibbons placed the Dominican trio 1-2-3 in the batting order on Saturday, the Jays have scored 33 runs. Cabrera, Bautista and Encarnacion combined to score or drive in 29 of those runs.
- Others are contributing, too. Brett Lawrie, who was rushed back after Reyes went down, has showed marked improvement, while Adam Lind increased his batting average by 100 points this month.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
This has been a busy week for you, so maybe you need to slow down a bit. Right. And maybe the Sun will rise in the west and the tide won't come in. Aries never slows down — it's not in your nature.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Mars in your sign gives you all the energy and ambition you need to make a name for yourself, so go for it. Too often in the past you have waited for other people to take the lead.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The thing you need to realize is that you don't have to enjoy something to be good at it. If fate points you in a certain direction today then that is the direction you should move.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Listen to what others say you should do today — then do the opposite. You know your mind better than they do so follow what your instincts tell you.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Today, you will be confronted by someone who has more power than you but that must not be allowed to faze you. They may have might on their side but you have right and that's why you will win in the end.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may have strong opinions about an issue but don't waste your time shouting about it. Find ways you can make a practical difference, then get on with them quietly. It's not about words, it's about actions.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Having told so many people what you intend to accomplish don't you think it's about time you started actually doing it? Anyone can talk about making a difference but only a few people ever get round to it.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Mars in your opposite sign of Taurus will help you get rid of an emotional attachment you no longer need. Scorpio has a reputation for ruthlessness and today everyone will see it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may be tempted to work twice as hard at something to make sure you get it done on time but is it necessary to put in so much effort and maybe exhaust yourself? No. Ease up.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Be careful what you start over the next 24 hours because you will have no choice but to finish it before you can move on to something else. Think before you act and don't let your passions rule you.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Chances are you will find yourself involved in some kind of dispute with your nearest and dearest. Whatever else happens, you must resist the urge to open up old wounds.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Someone else's good idea can be adapted by you to suit your own needs. Is that immoral? Of course not. There is no copyright on ideas, so you are free to take it and develop it any way you see fit. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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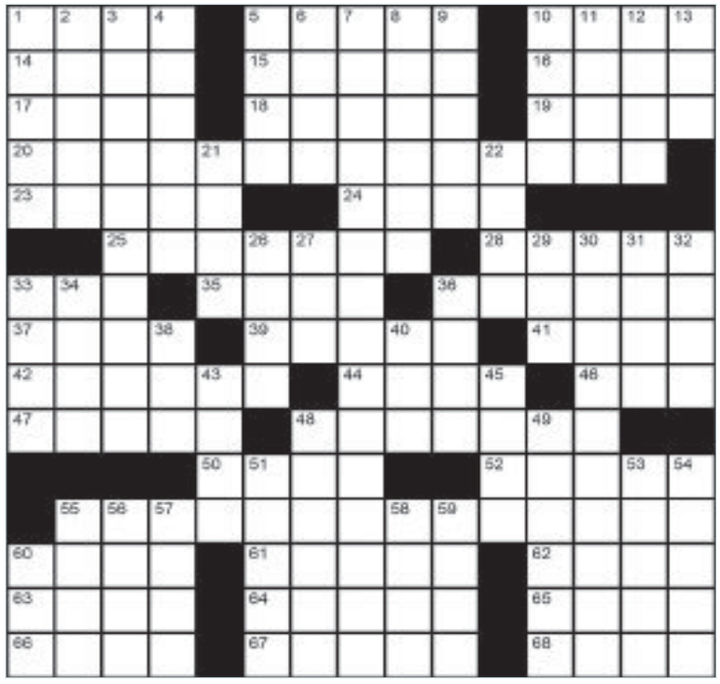
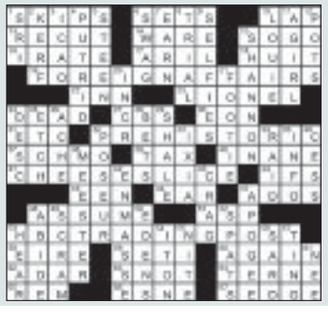


Across
1. Fail's opposite
5. Keyboard instrument
10. Edmonton Oilers owner, Daryl __
14. Ancient temple ceremony, for one
15. Volleyballer/model Gabrielle who has a book out now
16. Characters' selves
17. Driver's licence proves it, e.g.
18. Words over-achievers don't use
19. Uncommon, to Caesar
20. William Shatner's iconic role, __. __ _. __
23. Provide, as with some trait
24. Tabula __ (Clean slate)
25. Suitable
28. More healthy
33. Barley bristle
35. Polar explorer Mr. Rasmussen
36. Enter with military force
37. Immobilizing spray
39. Disconnected
41. Last parts
42. Philosophies
44. Ancient Greece's love god
46. 'i' topper
47. Fender guitar, commonly
48. Digital clock alternatives
50. Parsley or basil
52. Shoe's securers
55. Movie industry concern: 2 wds.
60. Peek-_-__!
61. Thanks, in French
62. Mil. two-stripers
63. Red __, Alberta
64. "It's _ __!" (Crook-to-crook warning)
65. "When can _ __ again?" (Faster's query)
66. Car part
67. Jule __ (Broadway composer)
68. Fine pursuits

Down
1. Store item's __ tag
2. Mr. Quinn of movies
3. Celtic music performer: 2 wds.
4. Dispatched to The North, say: 2 wds.
5. Jaws' movie cousin
6. Staples paper purchase
7. Star Trek creator: 2 wds.
8. __ __ a go between (Is the mediator)
9. Eggs environs
10. Brand of skin lotion
11. Petri dish gel
12. The Monkees member Peter
13. Ms. Gabor, when doubled (Hollywood legend)
21. Mean dude
22. Madeline of movies
26. Cross to bear
27. Wordplay sort
29. Thoroughfare type, tiny-ly
30. Rock garden creator
31. Root that's edible
32. Take 15
33. Some old Jeeps, e.g.
34. Tip to 'hog' (Wild swine)
36. Matinee __
38. Writer Ms. LeShan
40. George and __ Gershwin
43. Prince album: 'Sign '_' __ Times'
45. Prefix meaning 'Sun'
48. Toronto-born comic actor, Will __
49. Grateful Dead co-founder Jerry
51. Joy of Cooking author, __ _. Rombauer
53. Plaudit
54. Methods, for short
55. Wild goat
56. Paul Stookey's actual first name (The 'Paul' of Peter, Paul & Mary)
57. Ripped
58. Noted hwy.
59. Sherlock Holmes prop
60. US teeth doc's org.

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	7						9	
		8				6		
9	5		6	7	3		4	1
	9		4		8		7	
1								9
	6		7		9		3	
2	3		8	9	6		5	4
		9				2		
	8						1	

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	8	3	2	7	1	4	5	9
4	7	9	3	6	5	1	8	2
5	2	1	4	8	9	7	6	3
9	3	5	7	2	8	6	1	4
7	1	6	9	3	4	5	2	8
8	4	2	5	1	6	3	9	7
2	5	4	1	9	3	8	7	6
1	6	7	8	4	2	9	3	5
3	9	8	6	5	7	2	4	1

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